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1. In order to maintain security, Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) military officials falsely informed troops marching south from Tonkin that the next DRV attack would be launched in the Quang Binh-Quang Tri-Thua Thien area of Central Vietnam.¹ Actually, units of the 304, 308 and 312 Divisions have been directed to prepare for attacks in northeast Laos, in the area of Route Coloniale No. 7.
2. The following is the current disposition of DRV forces:
 - a. 308 Division. The 36 and 102 Regiments are at Nhu Xuan (105-36, 19-38). One battalion of each regiment, acting as entire regiments, recently escorted wounded troops to Thai Nguyen and Phu Tho.

The 88 Regiment and the 111 Artillery Battalion were at Do Luong (105-18, 18-54) on 16 July.
 - b. 304 Division. The Command Committee of the 304 Division, including Chinese Communist advisors, is at Do Luong.

The 57 and 66 Regiments have been variously reported in the area between Phu Nho Quan and Phu Tho.

The 9 Regiment left Thanh Hoa for Do Luong on 13 July.
 - c. 312 Division. The 209 Regiment left Hoa Binh for Thanh Hoa on 13 July. The 130 Battalion is at Nghi Xuan (105-46, 18-39).

The 141 Regiment is in the Phu Tho area.
 - d. 320 Division. The 48 Regiment is at Hoa Binh.

The 52 Regiment left Phu Tho on 7 July to obtain arms supplies from Thai Nguyen.

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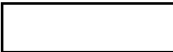
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- e. 316 Division. Troops of the 316 Division are concentrated in the Lang Son, Dong Dang and Dong Khe area.
- f. The 825 Regiment, the General Staff guard regiment, was at Chi Ne on 27 June; General Vo Nguyen Giap arrived at Chi Ne on 29 June. Ho Chi Minh and Chinese Communist General VI Quoc Khanh inspected the Chi Ne-Phu Nho Quan area on 3 July.
- g. The 426 Military Intelligence Battalion arrived at Nghe An on 15 July to formulate plans for future attacks.

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